



GOD'S LOVE

SELF-DENIAL

By FREDA ELIZABETH LAMBERT

The things that used to be,
The things that might have been,
Oft haunt us till the Master's face
Can scarcely e'er be seen.

Oh that we might a glimpse
Of His dear face betide,
When He said, "Father, I'll go,"
And laid His robe aside.

Self-denial, ah yes,
Denied Himself of home,
With Father and the angels
And the palatial throne;

Took upon Him the form of man,
A crown of thorns He wore,
The sins of the world made Him sink
Beneath the cross He bore.

'Twas all for you and me
He suffered pain and trial,
So how can we offer less
Than our own self-denial?

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."—Matt. 16:24.

1 TIM. 3:15

April 1, 1944

NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

I have conducted nine meetings since the Assembly, 197 saved, 81 sanctified, 57 filled with the Holy Ghost.—Hoyt Odum, Griffin, Ga.

Just received news from Blantons Grove, Sister Margaret Jacobs, evangelist, that twelve have been saved, five sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brother A. M. Phillips, of Hemphill Avenue, Atlanta, Ga., reports that five received the Holy Ghost Sunday night.

At Pittman, Nevada, eight were saved Sunday night, and the meeting continued until after midnight. We set the church in order there about one o'clock in the morning, with eleven members. There would have been more, but some of them had to go home, as it was getting so late.

At the new church at Bakersfield, which we just recently set in order, their building is packed out. At San Diego, where we bought a large build-

ing, they have just closed a glorious revival. The building was packed every night. In Blythe, California, there have been about sixteen saved, and several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in two regular Sunday night services. A good revival has just closed in Clovis. They say that it is the best they have ever had. Oakley closed a revival with twenty-one saved. They are now having good revivals at Calway, Coalinga, Redlands, Pomona, Elmonte, Huntington Beach, Long Beach, and other places. We have already set five new churches in order this year, and I believe that we will have three more by the time of the state convention.—John E. Douglas, overseer of California.

The Church of God in Mosinee, Wisconsin, is going over the top. Since August five new members have joined the church, we have a splendid L. W. W. B., Y. P. E., and Sunday School. We have paid over \$200 on the church account, sold fifty orphanage plates and fifty calendars from Headquarters. We have our program up and have a nice church and parsonage with five rooms and furnace heat, all paid for. This is a needy field. There are already several new churches and people wanting more. We need help in Macedonia.—Bertha G. Shideler, Mosinee, Wis.

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What Price Salvation

Harry O. Kutz

THE purpose of this article is to prove, scripturally, that the one and only way that a soul is saved, born again, regenerated, or, what we commonly term, justified, is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. I cannot agree with the theory that upholds the thought of salvation through faith only in the Christ apart from His shed blood. I am of the opinion that this teaching arises from a desire of some to teach that there is no blood outside of the experience of sanctification. I am sure that the great doctrine of sanctification can be proven without doing any such violence to the Scripture as to say we can and are saved from our sins in any way except through the shed blood of our Lord. I am of the opinion that doctrines proven in this way cease to be doctrines in the true sense of the Word and become instead fancies of the human mind.

Ephesians 1:5-12 is the first scripture lesson to which I shall refer. Here we are told that we are accepted "in the beloved" which is the Apostle's way of saying that God does take us as His own, and in the following verse he becomes even more explicit when he states, "In whom we have redemption, THROUGH HIS BLOOD, the forgiveness of sins." I see here a doctrinal fact that surely cannot be denied—the forgiveness of sins is in the redemption through HIS BLOOD.

The forgiveness of sins through the shed blood of Christ is a continuity of the plan of God through the ages of His dealing with the sins of man. The first account of a sacrifice for sins is the one by Cain and Abel. God did not accept the bloodless sacrifice that Cain offered, but had respect to Abel's offering of the lamb that had shed its blood as a sacrifice for his sins. Now here is a startling fact. Nowhere in all the Bible do we find that God has ever changed from that day to this, except that Christ is now the passover Lamb. For every sin that has been blotted out of the book in heaven; for every transgression that has been cast into the sea; for each sin that has been removed as far as the east is from the west from anyone now living or dead, regardless of

when or where he lived, there was blood shed for that forgiveness. Let the preacher beware who will, for the sake of a pet theory or dogma, preach any other access to God but the shed blood of Christ. Look to Hebrews 9:11, 12. This book will open to you the connection of the passover lamb and the figure it held for the coming Lamb of God and the access of believers today to the holiest of holies. It is the welding of the two. Here is revealed the last of this long line of sacrifices for man's sins. I might say, too, that here is revealed the lasting one. No longer do men renew the sacrifice year by year but now the holy One of heaven has perfected a sacrifice that needeth not to be renewed, but by His own blood He entered in once (for all time) into the holy place and has obtained eternal redemption for us.

In this same narrative the writer becomes very explicit as to relation of the blood of Christ and the believer's redemption from sins. In the 22nd verse, the very simple statement is made thus, "And without shedding of blood there is no remission." If you look into the word "remission" you will find that it means the cancelling of a debt or simply forgiveness. How can anyone dare refute this passage from God's Word and say we are saved outside of the blood, then? God forbid.

A look at Lev. 17:11 shows us that God chose blood as the atoning price for souls. It was for this reason that He here forbids blood being used as a food by the Israelites. The blood is the life of the body and God used it to typify the life He would give to the soul of man when it was offered to Him as a sacrifice for sins. Therefore, it was forbidden to reduce it to the level of common food. Now, at this time the blood of bulls and goats and lambs and heifers and doves were the sacrifices offered. In Hebrews again, 9:9, we are told that they were only a figure for the time then present. The 10th chapter and verse one says that the law was the shadow of the coming good things. What does all this mean? You will see in the further reading of the chapter that Christ came to take away the shadow and

figure to establish the real and good. The will of God for our sanctification is herein revealed also. This brings us to an objection offered by those who teach a bloodless new birth. That objection being, in the form of a question, "Do you believe there are two applications of the blood, one for regeneration and one for sanctification?" Well, I want to ask in reply, Where do we find in the New Testament that the actual word "applied" ever appears? It isn't there. That expression is a carry-over from the passover practice of putting the blood on the doorposts of the homes of the Israelites so that the death angel would not take their eldest child. The blood of Christ is, nor was, not meant for use in applications to each one that comes before Him, but it was, and now is, the purchase-price for our redemption.

When Christ was instituting the Lord's Supper He explained very completely what His blood was shed for when He said it was the blood of the new testament and for the remission of sins. Very plainly He means that no one from then on would have sins forgiven, for that is the meaning of the word "remission," without His blood. Also, He means that everything we have under the new testament comes through and by that shed blood. Hebrews 9:16, 17 unfolds to us a fuller meaning of Christ's words when it explains the fact that a will or testament of a man is not in effect until his death. Then the new testament is made all it is by the shed blood of the Testator, Jesus Christ. Every time we read a promise in the Word of God we can say it is mine through the blood. The law (of ordinances) was built on blood. The new way, the living way is built upon the blood of Christ. He made it good through the sacrifice of Himself. You can see by this that this explanation of the place of the blood of Christ does not do away with the sanctification of souls by it, but it rather broadens the scope of the effectiveness. Yes, it does sanctify, but through it we are also forgiven of the *very acts* of sins.

I want now to point out that the statement that we are saved through faith in Jesus apart from His blood is as a bottomless barrel. Faith in Jesus Christ apart from His sacrificial and atoning blood is a vain faith. His life would have been a failure, as far as the redemption of souls is concerned,

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Cigarettes But No Hymns

A report coming out of Stockholm states that "hymn books are almost unobtainable in Denmark" because the paper is used in making cigarettes, which was ordinarily allocated to making of hymn books.

Juvenile Crime

U. E. Harding, writing in his book, "Movie Mad America," states that out of 115 pictures investigated, there were 449 crimes attempted or committed, about four crimes per picture. He quotes Marie Heynemann, a psychiatrist, as saying that 70 per cent of all crimes were first conceived in the movies. This book is sold by the Publishing House, priced at 35c.

Mutual Shortens Religious Broadcasts

The Mutual Broadcasting System has announced that beginning September 15 "religious programs over its network will be broadcast for a limited period on Sundays only." This means no religious broadcasts on weekdays. As men become less religious, they desire less religious activities to remind them of their sins.

Aircraft Workers' Religious Services

Rev. B. B. Chestine, a preacher and a worker at the Air Service Command at Warner Robins, Ga., decided that he would read his Bible during rest period. Others decided they would join in and the services are conducted now daily and consist of prayer, meditation and hymn singing. The congregation varies from ten to fifty. Other clergymen have also joined in assisting in the services.

Youth's Terrible Problems

Dan Gilbert, famous writer of many subjects, said that "the creation of a corps of 'Victory girls' is not an accident or a by-product of war. It is the result of systematic propaganda in our high schools, aiming at Bolshevizing our youth. What is going on in our nation today is a revolution against decency, the carrying out of a plan to encourage youth in the practice of free love." This is all explained in his book, "The Truth About Ju-

venile Delinquency," sold by the Publishing House, 40 pages, at 35c.

Revival in Denmark

A revival of considerable proportions is taking place among Denmark's inner mission groups; concerning which Soeren Holm, doctor of philosophy, made certain denunciations. Rev. Christian Bartholdy, president of the Inner Mission Society, retorted, "Any devout charwoman knows more of true Christianity than does a doctor of philosophy. The new awakening is a power thwarting paganism." Sweden also reports a revival of religion which parallels that of Denmark.

Religious Awakening in China

Bishop Wen Yuan Chen, Executive Secretary of the National Christian Council of China, addressing a mass meeting in New York sponsored by fourteen national and local interdenominational church organizations, stated that "a widespread spiritual awakening" is now under way in China. He further commented that "there is a larger Christian force in the Chinese government now than ever before." Most of the important governmental offices are held by Christians. Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek has asked that more missionaries be sent to China after the war.

Universal Language

The Editor of *Midnight Cry* states, in writing on world events, that, "An article from Moscow telling of the perfect preservation of the body of Nikolai Lenin, founder of Soviet Russia, who died twenty years ago, reminds us of the man-worshipping propensity of human beings which will be exploited to the full when antichrist comes.

"A Russian scientific commission, which examined the body of Lenin last month, found excellent color in the skin, firmness and elasticity of connective tissues, flexibility of the joints and elasticity of muscles, along with excellent preservation of the features of the face. 'It looks like Lenin sleeping,' the commission asserted."

Inconsistency of Rationing

Rev. Phillip T. Dennis, of Bakersfield, Calif., said something timely when he stated that the United States government had rationed almost everything of the necessities of life, such as milk, butter, meat, coffee, canned goods, gasoline, etc., but not one word has been said about rationing or curtailing the use of alcoholic beverages. He pointed out that one word from the President closed all the banks of the nation, and that one word from him would also close the 450,000 saloons in the country. This is an evil consistency, without reason as to the injurious principle involved in the manufacture and use of liquor.

Hoover Reports on Delinquency

WASHINGTON, March 3.—"Broken homes and irresponsible parents" are blamed by Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as major contributors to an alarming increase in crime among boys and girls under 21.

For the first time since the FBI began to compile arrest data in 1932, Hoover said, 17-year-old boys comprised the largest single group of male offenders during the calendar year 1943.

While arrests of boys under 21 declined 7.6 per cent last year, as compared with 1942, Hoover observed, arrests of 17-year-olds leaped 27.7 per cent. Up to September 30, there were 15,382 such arrests covering over twenty-five different offenses from misdemeanors to criminal homicide.

Delinquency among girls under 21 increased over the 1942 figure, which was also dangerously high, Hoover said, with offenses against common decency rising by 56.9 per cent and other offenses by 30.1 per cent.

Eighteen and nineteen-year-old girls were said to be the chief female delinquents, with over 4,300 arrests in each group up to last September 30.

Hoover said the majority of the cases coming to his attention "clearly indicate that the trend of youth toward crime is directly traceable to broken homes and irresponsible parents, who do not take time during this wartime period to counsel and guide their children."

The problem is even more serious than figures show, he added, because many juvenile crimes never reach the formal police report stage.

A Historical Symptom of National Disaster

ALVIN H. THOMPSON

In these critical days we have been made to realize that our national security is being challenged by desperate enemies within and without. Should they succeed in their ambitions, the "way of life" to which we have been accustomed would be a thing of the past. As we study and analyze the situation it is becoming more evident that the conquest of the regimes of Hitler and Hirohito will not end our troubles. The secular and religious press give us enough information to know that our biggest problems are internal.

As we view our problems we feel constrained to compare them with the records of other nations whose histories we have, and see if there are any similarities. I shall single out one outstanding characteristic that has brought about the downfall of some one-time glorious nations. Recognizing that any nation is no stronger than the people who comprise it, we go to the people to find out its strength or weakness. Men possess three major faculties which can be developed. They are: 1. the soul; 2. the intellect; 3. the flesh. When people live normally all three will be given proper attention. According to their actual worth they come in the order we have listed them. When the emphasis is placed in this order there will be individual and national blessedness. God has ordained that the interests of a man's soul should always be given the best attention. When the intellect is developed in harmony with the best interests of the soul, your mind is a priceless asset. Our bodies will not be neglected with enlightened hearts and minds. With these thoughts in mind, let us observe the history of a few nations.

The antediluvian world is that era that carries us from Adam to Noah. We are not given a full account of their history, but according to the Bible and some historians, we have reason to believe that even after the fall man did not immediately become profligate as a group. The Bible tells us of some great men such as Enoch, Methuselah, Seth. But, as we near the close of this era, The Word of God tells us, "And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon

the earth," Gen. 6:12. Matt. 24:38 says, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage." Using the standard of evaluation of soul first, intellect second, and flesh third, we see that the people of Noah's day completely reversed this order. The lusts of the physical man choked out all thoughts of truth and godliness. "Eating and drinking" were esteemed higher than holy living and thinking. God could stand it no longer, so there was nothing to do but wipe them from off the face of the earth.

The history of Israel is next in order. Over in Egypt God found a group of people that His watchful eye had never forsaken. In harmony with His covenant with Abraham they were to be kept down through the years as a select people through whom the Savior for all men would come. Selecting Moses as the leader, God started to lead them to the promised land. With mighty signs and wonders He revealed to them that He would prosper them if they would just obey Him. But what do we see? Their history is dotted with instances where they "went whoring after other gods." When the nation of Israel collapsed they were wholly given over to idolatry—in other words, the flesh dominated their whole life because we know Baal worship is sensual. Judah went the same route. We are happy to know, however, that God has not forsaken His covenant with Abraham!

The Babylonian empire, represented by the golden head in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, was a mighty empire in its day. Although it was not a spiritual nation, it was an intelligent nation which contributed much to the natural welfare of man. We have many accounts of the accomplishments of the Babylonians. I would have you notice the inglorious end of that nation. We are all acquainted with Belshazzar's inglorious feast, at which time the Medes conquered them. History tells us that they were given over to the worst kind of sensuality. The women were as bad as the men. Money could buy any virtue. Thus we see that man's fleshly, carnal nature again ruined a nation.

Rome is remembered as one of the great nations of the world. She con-

quered a world and then lost it to some of the most unlikely victors. The Romans gave to the world a language that is still used. She had one of the finest of governments, as far as system is concerned. Many of our laws come from the Roman system. They tell us some of the old Roman roads are still existent. After they had won such big victories they settled down in their security and began to dissipate. They became a drunken, sensual lot, and gave themselves over to all forms of fleshly indulgence. In such a condition as this they lost their national power and pride and the uncultured Vandals from the north came down and overwhelmed them. Thus Rome went down in disgrace.

Coming down to a nation we are all acquainted with, we call your attention to France. In the days of the Reformation, the French Huguenots were destined to bring blessedness to France. Their saintly lives and industriousness were remarkable. But after many battles with the Catholics, such as the battle of St. Bartholomew, when the Catholics so underhandedly dealt with them, they were driven out of France. That was a disastrous day for France. With Catholicism dominating the lives of the people, immorality and wickedness continued as they had in the Dark Ages. France has been known as one of the lewd nations of the world. In this present conflagration France fell so quickly because her soldiers had more or less given in to dissipation.

Now it will be in order to observe the trends of our nation. We will all agree that our nation won its prowess as a leader among nations because of its solid stand on the principles of the Bible. Our silver coins boldly proclaim "In God We Trust." Our forefathers verily believed that. In the early years of our government we are told that Jonathan Edwards preached as long as three hours at a time to our congressmen — today a little prayer is too long. As a result of giving God the pre-eminence, intellectual and material prosperity came to our country. But what happened in the course of years? People began to gloat over our intellectual prowess until God began to be ruled out. After Christian
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Mortgaging the Kingdom for Worldly Gain

Rev. A. T. Utley

"And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint; therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him; and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright," Gen. 25:30-34.

Read again, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who sold for one morsel of meat his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears," Heb. 12:15-17.

As we look upon these readings, we find a momentous principle uttered by our Lord—"There are last that shall be first, and there are first that shall be last" (Luke 13:30), which is embodied forever in Esau and Jacob, the two patriarchs whom we want to study as incarnation of interchange of destiny. For God had foretold the interchange many years before their birth. They were born twins and, in the very act of birth, Jacob sought to supplant Esau by a grip on the heel. The interplay of their later life fills a large part of the Old Testament drama; namely, the birthright, a throne, "Let nations bow down to thee" (Gen. 27:29); thus was the shifting prize; and Esau, to whom it belonged, lost it, and Jacob, whose it was not, gains it. This, we believe, is the concrete example for all time of a dramatic interchange of positions, the first last, and the last first. And what reinforces our Lord's words with tremendous emphasis is that the Holy Spirit applies the type, and on it the dark, dangerous side to Christian believers. Look carefully, He says, "lest there be any one (among you) that falleth short of the grace of God; lest there be any fornicator or profane

person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his own birthright." Think about it. All down the ages and in every camp of the saints Esau and Jacob reappear, and will to the end of the ages.

EXCHANGING FUTURE GLORIES FOR PRESENT PLEASURES

Now, let us look at Esau's characteristic, and the Holy Spirit's own interpretation of Esau. "A profane person, as Esau"; bluff, generous, impulsive, daring; an athlete, living in the open; a man of quick emotions and strong passions. Esau had a large and lovable character; and, as the eldest son of the sole God-chosen family on earth, what a primacy was his. But the Holy Spirit says he was unhalloved, unsanctified, defiled, polluted, common; in the crisis of his life his inferiority, his unsanctity, sprang to light. "For one mess of meat," for one moment of self-gratification, he was going to eat if it did cost him the hope of heaven. "For one mess of meat he sold his birthright." With tremendous irony and perfect truthfulness all earth's transient passions are catalogued under a "mess of meat." My friend, it is bartering, for present passion, of future glories; it is mortgaging the KINGDOM OF GOD for WORLDLY gain; it is COUNTING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES CHEAP, when we look on our material gain more than the saving of souls. The angels rejoice over the saving of souls, but there is more shouting in the church, many times, over a large offering than there is when souls are being saved from a DEVIL'S HELL. Esau despised his birthright. Be careful, brethren, that we don't seek after material things more than heavenly things. "BUY THE TRUTH, AND SELL IT NOT," Prov. 23:23. Bless God forever.

WE SHALL REAP WHAT WE SOW

Take no chances. "Be not DECEIVED; GOD is not MOCKED: for whatsoever a man SOWETH, that shall he also REAP," Gal. 6:7. "He that SOWETH to the WIND shall REAP the WHIRLWIND." Hosea 8:7.

Both Esau and Jacob awake at last; but Esau wakes only after the PRIZE

is irrevocably forfeited. "Esau cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry." There is going to be much bitter crying in that eternal world of darkness when many shall see where they have played with God's Word. Esau cried, "Bless me, even me also, O my father," Gen. 27:34. It is exactly the exceeding great and bitter cry our Lord has foretold of that servant who said in his heart, "My Lord tarrieth." Jesus says, "There shall be WEeping and GNASHING OF TEETH," Matt. 24:51, the gnashing of teeth which springs, like Esau's, from bitter self-reproach. That Esau receives a blessing, though a blessing less than the forfeited royalty, proves that he stands for one saved but unrewarded, saved yet so as by fire (1 Cor. 3:15).

"Wherefore I swear in my WRATH, that they should not enter into my REST," Psa. 95:11. Esau had himself confirmed the barter with an oath; that is, he had called God in to see that it was a sale, never to be repented of; and now the God of the oath has to act His part. The sacrifice of the kingdom to come, for pleasures of the age, is ratified at the judgment seat of Christ. "Even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, though he sought it diligently with tears," Heb. 12:17.

Now we turn to the other twin of the great family. All down the years Jacob—the word means 'supplanter'—has seen visions, but never lived them; the most defective of all saints, he is a man whose unsanctified subtlety amounts to craft. Now, in the last lap, when ninety-seven years of age, we find him the only character in the Bible a suddenly complete victor in his sunset days.

BARTERING EARTHLY PLEASURES FOR COMING GLORY

For Jacob had originally bought what Esau sold; that is, all his life, faulty and stumbling though it was, he coveted God's highest, he acted on the prophecies, and never lost the heavenly vision; exactly reversing the action of Esau, he bartered earthly passions for coming royalty, and sacrifices the body to the Spirit, the present to the future, time to eternity.

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We find in Luke 10:38-42 that Jesus very plainly and firmly made known to Martha just why she was troubled. She had allowed herself to become cumbered with worldly cares and, no doubt, felt that Mary was shirking by not helping her prepare a meal for the Master. Jesus also showed that He was pleased to have Mary sit at His feet and listen to His words. Oh, for a multitude who would rather sit at His feet and listen to His words than to idle away time listening to some modern "junk" we can hear so much of these days on our radios, some of which is broadcast under the guise of religion, though when measured by His Word, is found sadly wanting.

If it was "needful" for Martha to choose the good part, then it is all the more necessary for God's children of today to draw a definite, plain line, get on the right side, and walk thereon.

Who can deny that a very great many choices in life today are almost entirely dependent on the kind or condition of our appetites? Who ever saw an innocent and playful little lamb as he capered about a green pasture, desert that pasture to fill his little stomach with some old decaying carrion that might be lying about? He just does not do it at all. God gave him a different nature and an appetite that can only be satisfied by an adequate supply of good, clean, wholesome food which God provides for him. Remember, he is not a lamb on Sunday and an unclean animal the rest of the week.

Since man is declared to be an animal, too, though of a higher type, he, too, has God-given instincts that will enable him to distinguish between right and wrong, true and false, etc. Very aptly, indeed, has our blessed Lord been called a lamb, slain from the foundation of the world. But thank God, He still lives. Man's safest yardstick is an unsullied CONSCIENCE before God and man. The measuring stick used by a carpenter must be kept clean so the digits will show plainly, or else it will no longer be a safe guide.

So it is with a conscience that has become hardened and unclean by association with and partaking of the sinful or even questionable things the devil offers to the child of God every day. Some of these very harmful things are cleverly hidden or camouflaged so as to deceive unwary souls,

Choosing the Good Part

By J. C. VORE

unless we are constantly on the watch AND with our souls still rejoicing because of a recent blessing having been poured out on us from the glory world, which can and does come very often while consecrated in prayer before the throne.

None can doubt but what Jesus showed heavenly wisdom when He invited Peter, James, and John to accompany Him on various special occasions, nor can we well afford to conclude that it was a mistake not to invite all the rest. I verily believe that Jesus always practiced "choosing the good part" and setting a worthy example for all mankind to follow.

Past experiences prove to me that walking with God and trying our best to make wise, acceptable decisions is not always easy to do, but we are told that faithful Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for even a season. Heb. 11:25.

A countless multitude have been called but not all chosen of God, simply and only because they failed to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to His Word, but chose rather to fill their hearts and lives with the unsatisfying husks of this world.

When we go to a grocery store we do not look around for stale or decaying articles of food, for our better judgment would be to select something fresh, tender, and wholesome. Or, when we need wearing apparel we surely would not go to a rummage sale and buy an article to wear that might very well contain contagious disease germs. Neither would be choosing the

good part in an earthly sense. But far more important is it that we choose wisely when our eternal soul's welfare is at stake.

A newly washed garment is far different from one that has been worn and is soiled by contacting dirt and filth of various kinds. So is the "earth-soiled" soul who chooses to revel in the filth and uncleanness so prevalent around at all times.

In 1 Tim. 4:12 Paul exhorted Timothy to be an example to believers in WORD, CONVERSATION, CHARITY, SPIRIT, FAITH, AND PURITY. My, what a yardstick! I wonder how many of us can pass that requirement. Nevertheless, a requirement it is and EVER SHALL BE. These godly, heaven-approved qualities will surely not prevail or grace our soul with their presence unless we do as Jesus made known to Martha; namely, to choose the good part.

One of Satan's very popular "booby" traps is none other than light, foolish joking and jesting—Eph. 5:4. How often has the sweet Spirit of God been grieved and that noble dignity which goes with a Bible ministry been made to seem cheap and shoddy by just such careless thoughtlessness?

After we have prayed ourselves on up the road to where our life is filled with the inevitable result of wise "choosing the good part," we can look back and plainly see that the foolish things we once held dear now look like the trash pile which they really are.

No wonder the Apostle Peter said his brethren were chosen of God and precious. The appetite of the immortal soul of man is daily yearning for that which satisfies. Which shall it be, clean or unclean?

Revival at LaBelle, Fla.

LaBELLE, Fla.—We began our revival January 16 with Brother L. L. Hughes as evangelist. The Lord met with us in the first service. Brother Hughes preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, with a good attendance and the altar full every night. We enjoyed having the band from Fort Myers church visit us several nights during the four weeks' revival, which was a blessing to the service. Fourteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and fifteen added to the church. The saints were blessed. We have some good folks to work with here at LaBelle, Fla.—Mallory Smith, pastor.

What the Layman Needs in a Pastor

First of all, the layman needs a minister and pastor who is a real man in every manner of the word. He must be intellectually, morally, and socially honest. He must be strong—not a reed shaken by the wind. He must be positive and not negative in his preaching, able to face the problems and the temptations which his people face and to give them effective leadership in overcoming these things. He must be more than a talker in the pulpit in regular services; he must be a minister, pastor, and shepherd.

Life always speaks louder than words. This was true even with Jesus. If there had been any fault in Jesus His ministry would have failed, "but... the WORD... was MADE FLESH... and dwelt among us..." and so we had the gospel in power. Paul, in his day, could write to the church in Thessalonica and say, "You know what manner of life we lived among you."

A pastor must give the gospel by both precept and example. He must be kind, merciful, gentle, loving and honest, for these are the only valid witnesses of a reality of what the church teaches. In living these out before his people, he will avoid things that harm the church and will give his message and labors the ring of truth.

Every layman needs a minister that is a pastor in every sense of the word, a pastor to whom his people can go with their problems and their troubles, and a pastor to whom they can confide and with whom their confidences are kept. A pastoral heart of understanding, love and sympathy is what is wanted and needed by the average layman. Whatever it takes, instruction, prayer or fellowship, each minister should know the requirements whatever the cost. A layman needs a pastor that can share life's load, and who teaches, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," and who then demonstrates his teachings through a ministry of service and love.

The layman needs a preacher who can speak to him of the truth. He needs to feel there is something back of what his preacher is saying. The need is for a preacher who has the gift of preparing well thought out and well prayed-out sermons and who is

able to deliver them impressively. A preacher of God must know the truth fully and speak the truth whether in the pulpit or out.

Often we hear folks who attended a service say, "I heard a wonderful sermon. That preacher knew what he was talking about." How wonderful this is. But then again, we have heard folks remark after a service, "I got nothing from it. The preacher just talked." Are you a talker or do you really preach the Word? Do you give meat or just rambling phrases? Do you ride a hobbyhorse and bore your listeners?

A layman does not want or desire messages based on prejudices or a hobby. What he wants to hear is the truth and facts of life as revealed in God's own Word, with suggestions as to how these can be applied in daily life in this mortal world. He wants a preacher who, "when he goes into the pulpit, knows what to say, says it, and then quits."

The average layman and churchgoer needs a Christ-centered message from the pulpit. The layman, no doubt, knows how to run his farm or business much better than the preacher does. Let him confine his teachings to spiritual things, and let others take care of that for which they are fitted. The laymen, no doubt, know more of politics, economics and numerous other social situations than does the preacher. But the laity want to know from their preacher something definite on Christian principles and how to apply them. What does the Bible say about these problems? What does God say to do in the handling of these problems? The layman is not so much interested in the preacher's own opinions on these things, except as they are based upon the teachings of the Bible. That is the job of the preacher, to see that he gets before his people the TRUTH as given in the Bible. The layman wants, through his minister, a spiritual foundation for his life, a solid rock of truth upon which to set his feet.

The laity wants and needs more than just a preacher, more than a lecturer. Men are needed in this hour who base their convictions on the Word of God and are not afraid to preach their convictions. Let us be the men and

leaders and ministers that God wants and will equip and support at all times and in all places. God being our helper, may we as ministers be the preachers and pastors the laymen in our churches desire and want us to be.

THESE THINGS OUGHT NOT SO TO BE

M. H. Lamb

James 2:10

"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." James was writing about members who both curse and give thanks out of the same mouth. He said these ought not to be. If these things were going on in James' day, no doubt there are few scattered here and there who have this kind of talk. When Paul was speaking to the church he said, Eph. 4:25, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another." Verse 27, "Neither give place to the devil." When Christians go on and have the talk that James said ye ought not to do, it gives the devil a place. Members will get around when there is a gathering and tell filthy jokes. These things ought not so to be.

Tattling and Backbiting

There are few people here and there who cause no little trouble by tattling around among their friends. They are gossipmongers. They delight in nothing so much as in peddling slanderous reports from house to house. They do not even care to know whether a report be true or false. Their sport is in stabbing some absent one in the back. They will even peddle a report which they themselves do not believe. These things ought not so to be. Their soul is as black as the darkness of the bottomless pit. They rejoice with hellish glee when they have pierced someone's heart and the blood is trickling down from a wound made with an impish tongue. In Psalms 15, David said, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill; He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue." Tattlers and liars belong to the same class—the devil crowd. No class of people has less friends than this group. They are unwanted and unwelcome. (Continued on page 14)

Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

Work in South America Being Blessed

Just a word of praise to let you know we have just closed a very successful revival at the New Testament Church of God, Georgetown, Demerora, B. G., which lasted for two weeks, with Rev. H. W. Parris doing the preaching. The revival was well attended. Those who came from far and near were truly convinced by the preaching and working of the Holy Ghost. Many were at the altar praying through to salvation. Miss Gertie Wood, a well-wisher of the work, brought an organ and loaned to us, which she played herself, and which was much appreciated. It made the singing much improved. Many hearts were made glad. The very breath of God was felt with us. Anyone who is interested in the Church in British Guiana and has an old organ, we will be thankful for same.

The revival closed November 7. The writer preached the morning message. At 3:00 p. m. Sunday School; at 5:30 breaking of bread and feet washing; at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Parris preached the last night's message of the feast from Titus 2:11. The results of the revival were three saved, one sanctified, four backsliders reclaimed and three added to the church. Pray for our church to rise and shine and be a real powerhouse for God.—C. F. Babb, pastor.

Dedication of the Piravom Church in North Travancore, S. India

(The money for this building was given by the Ladies' Willing Workers of Greenville, South Carolina, through the efforts of Brother and Sister Hoyle L. Case, who were formerly in India but are now working in Cuba.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.)

For many years we have been praying and looking forward to having a meeting place in Piravom district. In former years, when we went there for special meetings we had to stay in a government travelers' bungalow where officials generally stop while

executing business. These special meetings were held in a dried rice field, under a brush arbor, or what we call a pandal. At other times they met in some of the houses. As this work was growing, our desire for a meeting place also grew.

When the Cases took up the work in North Travancore, they also saw this great need, and, since they were looking after that district we left off visiting Piravom. After they had gone on furlough, we wanted to go there for some special meetings, but found that the travelers' bungalow had been turned over for a government excise office. Since there was no suitable place for us to stay, we could not go. It means a round trip of 120 miles, from headquarters, so to save expenses one needs to stay there for a few days.

This made us pray the more for a place there, and praise God, He heard prayer. A site was offered us for a building and also for a burial ground, and both were purchased. Surely the Lord was in the getting of the site, for no one would sell to us, and the man who did sell it, did so without his wife's knowledge. She told someone that after she found it out, she was so provoked that she did not eat for three days.

The next problem was the building, but while we were contemplating, little did we know that the answer was on the way. Ten days after purchasing the site we received word that a cable had been sent us which included \$220.00 for the Piravom church. This made us rejoice so much the more, so we started looking for timber, which has been hard to obtain of late and of a high price, but here also the Lord undertook and we were able to purchase a large tree sufficient for the lumber for the building. But high wages and other things hindered our starting to saw the tree into lumber, so the building was postponed. We also did not have the right person to supervise the building.

The brethren in Piravom were very disappointed and kept urging, saying they could not find a place large enough for meetings. One day the

Lord showed us a certain brother, our inspector of Sunday Schools, who consented to take over the supervision, and with him a certain Hindu carpenter, who is very clever, not only in carpentry work but in masonry; so praise the Lord, the building got well under way and the task that was a big mountain to us has become a plain.

Our son and Brother T. M. Verghese, our field secretary, made two trips there to see about tiles for the roof, etc. The first time they went they stayed for a few days under a shed put up for the workmen to use. One night they had a heavy downpour of rain and the shed leaked so badly that they were put to some inconvenience.

Since we are unable to obtain films now, we cannot send you a picture of the building. We wish you might see what a beautiful one it is—one of our best in Travancore. The church is 35x20 feet and at the back of it are three small rooms for the pastor to use and for us to use when we go there. The building is plastered inside and out.

A convention beginning December 15 was held in connection with the dedication and we went there on Friday, December 17. Right next to the church at the front and on one side, they built a large brush arbor and made a little platform. From three to eighteen miles away from Piravom are six outstations opened up from this Piravom church, so a number gathered from these stations, a goodly number of them remaining under the pandal all night. Early in the morning we were awakened by their singing, according to their custom, and then they would pray.

In the meeting Saturday morning, held in the church, a message from Psalms 45 was given, in which Jesus, our coming King, was exalted and there was much praise throughout this meeting, as well as in all the meetings. Sister Cook took the women's meeting that afternoon.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body, God understands.—Brother L. Poston, Star Rt., Box 54-A, Lake City, S. C.

The healing of my body, I have been bedfast thirteen months. I also need prayer for my soul.—H. B. Brown, Jena, La.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. Roy Stewart.

The healing of my body of asthma, I suffer severely.—Della Hasford, Rt. 1, Double Springs, Ala.

Henry Ford Spell to be saved and healed of blindness.—Tommie Harper, Rt. 3, Hazlehurst, Ga.

God to undertake for me.—Robert Parrish, 2530 E. 19th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

My mother, Mrs. A. R. Adams, to be healed of high blood pressure and heart trouble; me.—Vira Galson, Rt. 2, Alexander City, Ala.

My brothers and brother-in-law in Service.—Mrs. Marie Akins, 1829 17th St., Richmond, Calif.

Me to be completely healed and the Lord to supply my needs, I am a widow and not able to work. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Sarah Dalton, Verdunville, W. Va.

My healing, I am sick in bed.—Mrs. M. L. Simpson, c/o M. A. Tate, Box 281, East Beckley, W. Va.

My son in Service who has been in the hospital since he was inducted.—Mrs. Annie Adams, Rt. 1, Scottsburg, Va.

My baby girl to be healed.—Mamie Pace, Cherry Valley, Ark.

My nephew who is in hospital with T.B. His address is Claud Smith, c/o General Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn.; his brother who is in the army hospital. His address is Pvt. Roy Smith, William Beaumont, General Hospital, Ward 23, El Paso, Tex.; my health to be restored; two unsaved sons.—Mattie Amos, Lenoir City, Tenn.

My sister who is in the hospital very ill.—Mrs. Oma Moore, Haleyville, Ala.

My father who has high blood pressure and sinus trouble; my mother and sister-in-law who are in bad health; my boy in Service.—Louise Moreland, Whiteside, Tenn.

Me to be healed of gall bladder trouble.—Sheridan McMasters, Box 126, Fairmount City, Pa.

The healing of my son, Geo. W. Hayslip, Jr., who is in the naval hospital at San Diego, Calif.—Mrs. Geo. W. Hayslip, Box 673, Crockett, Texas.

The complete healing of my sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Counsell, Rt. 1, Princeton, Ont., of heart trouble and nervousness; Brother Walter Bolton, who has an incurable case of Bergus disease and is almost blind.—Mrs. Ralph Counsell, 1769 St. Luke Rd., Windsor, Ont., Canada.

My husband to be healed; my daughter-in-law to be healed of side trouble; my body to be healed.—Julia Raulerson, Deer Park, Fla.

God to give me grace and power to overcome a habit, I feel God has a work for me to do.—E. B. Ferguson, R.F.D. 23, Parkersburg, W. Va.

God to undertake for me.—A reader, Somerset, Pa.

My son overseas that the Lord will keep him safely and save him; my nephew and brother in the Armed Forces.—Mrs. Ethel Young, Rose City Bdw., N. Little Rock, Ark.

The healing of my little boy, he will have to have an operation unless the Lord undertakes. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Luther Cox, Logan, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Celie Ann Baisden, Rt. 1, Box 41F, Kermit, W. Va.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

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The Thursday night messages on Bible miracles will be broadcast at 7:30 every Thursday evening over WLOG, Logan.

During this revival thirty related chain series of chronological messages will be given, tracing step by step the journey of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage to Canaan victory, with special application to significant spiritual parallels in our Christian experience.

Each Sunday morning a series of related chain messages will be given, presenting a chronological and geographical telescope sketch of the life and work of the Lord Jesus while on earth.

Each Sunday night a series of related chain messages on interesting, challenging Bible biographies will be given.

Other interesting subjects which will be discussed will be Spiritualism, Dawnism, Christian Science, Two Witnesses, Man Child, the Book of Jude, the Song of Solomon, the Book of Nehemiah, such modern amusements as the dance, theatre, and cards.

All who attend regularly will be given beautiful attendance certificates. All who take notes and a final examination will be given certificates carrying definite credits in Bible interpretation.

Deeply spiritual saints will meet daily for prayer for healing. Those who cannot attend are invited to write requests for prayer or anointed cloths.—Ernest L. Miller, pastor, Aracoma, W. Va., Church of God.

Thanks to God

LOUELLEN, Ky.—I thank God for His mighty healing power. I was in a bad condition, sick so much and never felt well. I was taking medicine but could not get any better, so I decided to trust God fully and when I did God wonderfully healed me. I am as well and strong as I ever was and I give God the honor. I praise Him and thank Him for it. I am a member of the Church of God and have been for several years.—Mrs. Emma Rivers.

REVIVALS

AQUONE, N. C.—We just closed a great revival at Aquone with the writer doing the preaching. It lasted fourteen nights. The Lord was with us in a great way. Five were saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost; one boy got saved while praying on the mountain one day. The revival was held in Sister Maude Haney's house as they have no church there. Pray for us.—Evangelist Elsie Burch, Star Route, Prentiss, N. C.

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals I ever attended, in Middletown, Ohio, Rev. Shelton Brock doing the preaching. We had large crowds. We had some great healings. Thirty-two were filled with the Holy Ghost, a number saved and sanctified and eleven added to the church. The Lord is blessing us here in a great way. Our Sunday School is doing fine also. Pray for us here, that the Lord will continue to bless us.—H. R. Corley, pastor, 923 Malvern St.

CUMBERLAND, Ky.—We thank and praise God for His good blessings here at Cumberland, Ky. Through December, just in our regular services, eleven souls were saved, eight sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. On January 9 Brother Solomon Scalf started a revival here which ran three weeks, with seventeen saved, twelve sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and forty-eight added to the church. God blessed in every service. Brother Scalf's soul-stirring messages were enjoyed by all. The church has been greatly blessed and feels encouraged to work on till Jesus comes or calls.—M. B. Stephens, pastor; Burgin Fields, clerk.

LAUREL, Miss.—We just closed a wonderful revival here conducted by Brother and Sister Lindsey Pratt. Brother Pratt really preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed and sinners were stirred. Sixteen were saved, nine sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church, and four baptized in water.—H. E. DeBaxtel, clerk.

PARIS, Ky.—The Church of God at Paris, Ky., has just closed a two

weeks' revival with Evangelist G. R. Morris and party doing the preaching. The crowds were large each night. We are glad to report the good work going on here at Paris for God. When God sent Brother and Sister Morris this way we were just struggling along, but praise the Lord, we are on the mountain top now. We have bought new rugs for our church and God is supplying our needs. There were five saved, three sanctified, and three added to the church. Our church is located at 400 Second Street.—Iva Buckler, clerk.

BARBOURVILLE, Ky.—Garrett Swain, of Williamsburg, Ky., held a revival here, beginning January 29 and closing February 29, with fourteen saved, eleven sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church.

FOREST, La.—We have recently closed one of the best revivals Forest church has had in many years. Brother D. L. Barrett moved here and took the work on January 1. He began a revival with the church the latter part of January. About fourteen were saved, twelve sanctified, four reclaimed, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and the entire community stirred for God. The meeting closed but the revival spirit is still on. Last Sunday night we had a large crowd. Conviction seized the hearts of the people and a goodly number came to the altar to seek God. We are unable to give an account of the additions to the church as some haven't had the opportunity to come in.

I praise the Lord for our Y.P.E. and the wonderful work it is doing. God is really blessing in their work. The president, Melvin Barrett, is a real child of God. Last Sunday night there were ninety-seven present at Y.P.E. I think this is a fine record.

Speaking of the Willing Workers, we are bringing up our part. The whole church is on fire for God. I think the scripture has been fulfilled which says, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." He knew just what we needed when He sent Brother Barrett and family, and, speaking for the church, we thank God for it.

Pray that Forest church will be shining when Jesus comes. We want to have the best reports we have ever had. Please pray for us.—Mrs. Lola Pitts, president, Willing Workers' Band, Rt. 3.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—The Church of God at Middlesboro, Ky., has just closed the greatest revival they have had for twenty-five years, conducted by Evangelist Bessie Jones, of Knoxville, Tenn. The meeting ran for five weeks with great interest. The house was filled until there wasn't standing room. Sister Jones seemed to be at her best giving out the Word. Conviction would settle down on the congregation every night and the altar was filled to overflowing. Fifty-four were saved, forty-five sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one added to the church. Truly this was the greatest revival I have seen for years. The community was stirred as never before. People from all denominations attended and many were convinced by the Word of God that the Holy Ghost is right. Pray for God to continue to bless here in Middlesboro.—P. W. Myers, pastor.

FREEBURN, Ky.—We have recently closed a three weeks' revival at Majestic, Ky., with Rev. W. B. Webb doing the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed. About twenty-eight were saved, twenty-five sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water, and twenty-six added to the church. The offerings were good. Please pray for us.—Wheeler Stump, pastor.

BOGALUSA, La.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here with five new members added to the church. Several were saved and blessed by the Lord. The church as a whole was stirred by the mighty power of the Lord. The evangelist was Randell Geren, of Cleveland, Tenn.

COMBS, Ky.—The Combs, Ky., Church of God has just closed a two weeks' revival but not the revival spirit. God is still blessing us and souls are getting saved as the result of Sister Georgia Smoot's fine preaching, empowered by the Holy Ghost. During her revival God gave us eleven souls saved, four sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The church and all were much blessed and the fire is still burning. Two more have been saved and two sanctified, while two were added to the church. We are thankful that Sister Smoot came our way. Pray for us that God will bless us in our effort for Him.—The pastor, Sister Mary Wilson.

REPORTS

District Fellowship Convention

The district fellowship convention was held February 28 at the Church of God in Augusta, Me., Rev. Wilmon Smith, pastor; Rev. Wm. Morris, state overseer.

Pastors were present from different parts of Maine, also Massachusetts, with visiting pastors from different denominations. There was a large gathering of people both in the afternoon and evening. It was the best fellowship meeting ever held in Augusta. An offering for flowers for Brother Earle, pastor of the Assembly of God, was taken and the flowers presented by Brothers Morris and Smith. He was operated on for appendicitis.

Prayer was offered by the Baptist minister and the evening message brought by Captain Colby of the Salvation Army. Supper was served, with plenty of good things to eat.

Evangelist Emma Newman has been laboring seven miles out in the country and Sunday evening, February 13, three persons united with the church. One young man received the Holy Ghost Sunday evening. We hold Monday of each week for fasting and prayer. We are praying for a new church building. We have one now in view and we are praying about it. We would like the prayers of all you good people.—Lida B. Ricker, clerk, 15 Summer St., Augusta, Me.

Bogalusa, La., District Convention

Our district convention for Bogalusa district convened at the Bogalusa church February 26, 27. Rev. W. C. Byrd, our beloved state overseer, was in charge.

We had a preconvention service Friday night. Brother Byrd preached and the Lord began to bless. We had visiting ministers from the Shepherd Fold district, who rendered great help in the convention. The preaching was wonderful. It seemed each speaker was at his best. The Lord met with us in a great way. There were nice crowds all the way through. The mission offering was \$111.56; orphanage offering, \$17.60. This was one of the best conventions I ever attended.

Saturday night we had an evangelistic service. Several were in the altar. A backslider prayed through to the blessed Holy Ghost. This convention

will live on. We had visitors from over the district. Pray for Bogalusa, that God will make this the greatest year. —Mrs. F. W. Alexander, pastor.

Edinburg, Tex., District Convention

The Edinburg, Tex., district convention convened January 28-29 at Edinburg, Rev. T. W. Godwin, state overseer, and F. C. Dozier in charge.

Those having a part on the program were: Rev. T. W. Godwin, McCroy girls, Rev. F. C. Dozier, Rev. H. D. Statum, Brother B. C. Condron, Sister T. W. Godwin, Sister F. C. Dozier, and Sister Mildred Cooper.

On Saturday the L. W. W. B.'s met with our state president, Sister Godwin, and discussed things which would help the work of our L.W.W.B. Saturday evening they put on a short program. An offering of \$20 was taken for Sister Godwin.

Sunday morning Brother Godwin gave the reports on the district, which went over the top one hundred per cent on everything for the four months' work. After a thrilling message by Brother Godwin a mission offering was taken, amounting to \$205.25. This was the best this district has ever had. The crowds were good at all services. One was sanctified. We thank the Lord for our dear pastor and wife. They have been an upbuilding to this valley.—Mrs. Viola Yancey,

Fellowship Meeting

LEPANTO, Ark. — We praise the Lord for our fellowship meeting here at Lepanto Tuesday night, Feb. 1, with eight of our ministers present. They all expressed their appreciation of the fellowship which existed, with Brother W. G. Padgett, pastor of Burdett church, bringing the closing message. A state budget offering was taken, amounting to \$21.78. Following the fellowship meeting we were privileged to have Brother Doyle Walters and wife with us for a revival, with three souls wonderfully saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We enjoyed having Brother Walters with us. Pray for us here at Lepanto. We also praise God for securing five Evangel subscriptions during the revival.—R. E. Shaw, pastor.

A Continued Feast

We had our district fellowship meeting recently at N. Matewan, W. Va., under the direction of our district pastor, Rev. W. H. Compton. My, what a service we had. From start to finish it was one continual feast. It started good and continued good all the way through. The preachers did some good preaching and everyone enjoyed the service. We took an offering for two radio broadcasts that we have on station WBTH, Williamson, W. Va., and for district pastor, which amounted to \$14.75. Then he turned around and gave it to the local pastor.—P. W. Herman.

A Wonderful Time

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. — I praise God for the great blessing He has been pouring out on us here in Shelbyville. We also thank Him for the revival now in progress. The Holy Ghost is having His way in the services and many souls are being born into the kingdom of God. Our Sunday School is almost three times as large as it was four months ago. Pray that the Church of God here will always be a soul-saving station for God. We appreciate our pastor and his good wife, Brother and Sister Rolen J. Dunn, also Brother Joe Flowers, the evangelist. —T. D. Baling, Rt. 1, Lewisburg, Tenn.

CALLAHAN, Fla.—We are trying to put Callahan, Fla., on the map for God. The Lord is certainly blessing our souls down here.

My wife and I have been working hard to get a holiness church established here. Last October we came into the Church of God from the Pentecostal Church of God and have turned over the new church and lot to the Church of God. We organized with six new members and God has added two more to that number since. We have a building 30x50 feet. Even though not finished, the indebtedness is less than seventy-five dollars. The lot is paid for and we are looking for God to help us pay off the balance on the building.

We have some good Christians here and are proud of them. We have a Y. P. E. with eight members and a good Sunday School with forty on the roll. We need your prayers. Any good evangelist who feels the urge to come this way, we will welcome you. Pray for us.—J. H. Wells, pastor.

TESTIMONIES

Healed Through Prayer and Faith

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — I truly thank God for salvation and for His goodness and many blessings to me, also for His wonderful healing power which I know by experience is real.

About three years after having a serious operation, from which I had never recovered, but had in the last few months gotten so much worse, I was hardly able to be up on my feet at all. I could rest and sleep but very little. But praise God for some good Christian brothers, Brothers Perkins and Walter Jones, through whose prayers and faith in God He healed me of the trouble of which I truly believe, from all symptoms, was a cancer. Truly He is a God who healeth all our diseases, if we will only wait on Him and trust Him and have faith in Him. Bless His good name! To anyone who is suffering I can recommend Him as being able to heal.—Mrs. Clifford West, 109 Guild St.

Thank God for His Healing Balm

BAXLEY, Ga. — I praise my dear Savior, for He really means much to me. I thank Him for His great healing balm, for the way He touched my nerves. A little while back I was sick. Some of the saints prayed for me and it did me so much good. The Lord blessed my soul and body, and I'm still up. I praise Him for the way He healed me yesterday of something like indigestion.

Best of all I praise and thank God for salvation. It really means something to know you are serving a true and living God and to feel that you are ready to go if He should come or call for you.—Mrs. Elese Ahl.

I'm Giving God All the Praise

BELMONT, N. C.—I sent in a request to the Evangel for prayer for my husband, Carl Odis Graham, that God would undertake and heal him. He got sick in November and we sent him to the hospital January 1, 1943. He stayed in the hospital five months. I had given up hope for him; it seemed I just couldn't have faith, then I thought of the Evangel and the requests that I had read in it for prayer and how God had healed many through prayer. After I had sent in

my request I began to receive letters from different states telling me they were praying for my husband. That helped my weak faith and I began to believe somehow God was going to heal my husband. I began to write letters to the churches in each state to pray for him. My daughter wrote cards to half of the churches in North Carolina, telling them to pray for him. God heard and answered prayer. I praise God for His healing power. I'm giving God all the praise for it.

I thank Him for the young people of Belmont; they were so nice to us. I thank the Lord for our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Hodge, also the church for the nice offering that they gave me and my two children. My husband was sick seven months, but God took care of us. I surely thank God for the way He supplies our every need. Pray for us, and especially pray for my husband, that he will never have another spell like this one.—Mrs. Carl Odis Graham, Rt. 1.

Trusted Him and Was Healed

GORDONSVILLE, Tenn.—Sometime ago we were having the Lord's supper and feet washing at the Lancaster Hill church and a sister in the church was washing my feet when the power of the Lord struck me. A nail was sticking up about half an inch in the floor and when the power of the Lord hit me my foot came down on that nail and it went in my foot. My foot got so sore I could hardly walk. Some of the saints were standing around and I told them to pray. We prayed but my foot still bled and was sore. Brother and Sister Brown carried me home. Next day my foot was swollen and red, angry streaks going through. Old Satan said I had better put some lamp oil on it, but I said I was serving the Lord when it happened and I was going to trust Him. Praise His name, He healed my foot. I never did a thing but put a white cloth on it.—Mrs. W. B. Winfree.

Have Been Wonderfully Blessed

ALTO, Ga.—Dear Christian Friends, we, the patients of Cottage No. 2, want to tell you and the world about what Rev. Lee Head has been doing for us. He preaches for us twice each

month and we have been wonderfully blessed by his preaching. Some have been saved and healed and gone home. We know that he is a teacher from God. God has been good to this cottage. We all thank God for Rev. Head, and we thank the Church of God Publishing House for the Christian literature and the Evangel. We desire the prayers of the saints.—The patients of Cottage No. 2, Colored Sanatorium.

Husband in Army Has Been Saved

MARIETTA, Ohio—I thank God for the many wonderful things He has done for me and the way He has answered prayer so many times. Prayer was requested through the Evangel for my husband who is in the Army, to be saved. I truly want to praise God for answering prayer and saving his soul. I wish every child of God who reads this would earnestly pray that he will go through with God and receive the many wonderful blessings He has for him.—Carrie Martin.

Healed Instantly

BALD KNOB, Ark.—We truly praise God for healing power, for someone on whom we can call when everything else seems impossible. August 10 we were visiting with Brother and Sister Doyle Walters, near Cabot, Ark., when our sixteen-months-old baby got hold of a can of kerosene and drank some of it. It looked like life was leaving her in spite of all we could do. We began to call on God, even though it was storming, and God wonderfully answered our prayers and healed her instantly. We are giving God all the glory for it. Pray that we will be in the will of the Lord at all times.—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cox.

Baby Healed of Colitis

GRANDGLAISE, Ark.—I praise our Redeemer for His healing and overcoming power that keeps us from day to day. Our baby has been very sick with colitis and it was over a week before we could get complete victory, but praise the Lord, He really healed him through and through. He started eating and we gave him anything he wanted and it did not hurt him.

We need the prayers of all Christian people that we will stand true and keep the faith. Pray that I will just live humble enough to obey His voice.—Mrs. Lena Davis.

A HISTORICAL SYMPTOM OF NATIONAL DISASTER

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leaders had brought into existence most of our schools of learning, the teachings of Chas. Darwin who paraded evolution, Nietzsche who advocated brute force and disregard of principles of morals and marriage, Communism and other infidel literature began to infiltrate into those precious schools of learning until today we stand aghast at the impudence and arrogance of our so-called "enlightened age." Where is all this taking us? To the flesh pots of Egypt! We are face to face with a social upheaval. Morals are being trampled in the mire; marriage and home life are pitifully abused. Juvenile delinquency is appalling. Instead of father being head of the house, Johnnie and Mary pretty well regulate affairs to suit themselves. The lust for power and money has seized people to the extent that they will forsake all finer virtues to get it. Filthiness and immorality thrive well under such conditions. We could go on, but enough has been said to let us know our nation is treading on the same dangerous ground other one-time glorious nations have walked before they collapsed.

Children of God, you and I have the only remedy that can save us from disaster. A mighty revival of old-fashioned religion must come to pass if our ship of state is to hold its place in the world. Men will have to see the futility of living without Christ. Let us fervently pray that God will reveal His mercy to our nation in a special way before all is lost.

THESE THINGS OUGHT NOT SO TO BE

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come everywhere among decent people, and yet they blindly revel in their fiendish and devilish work; it is their meditation all the day long. They count it an innocent thing to attack the character of the best people in the church. They divide husbands and wives and set good brethren at variance with each other. The church should put away from its fellowship such ungodly person as quickly as it would a drunkard or a thief, a murderer, an adulterer. Good people condemn all such. These things hurt the gospel and hinder the progress of the church, and "ought not so to be."

Religious Division in the Church

Of course, there ought not to be any

division among religious people anywhere on earth. All religious people should simply believe in God, follow Christ, and practice pure primitive Christianity; but among these who have obeyed the gospel there ought not to be any sort of division. 1 Cor. 1:10, All should be of the same mind, and of one accord in all matters. The only reason this is not always true is that there are a few people who either do not know how to promote peace and unity or just do not want to be taught. Division is not always brought about by one group taking a stand for the truth and another group arraying themselves against the truth. Often the division is not concerning the truth but is over the theories and notions of man. These things ought not so to be. Good people who love each other can get together and talk and pray and settle their troubles. The real cause of the trouble is usually kept in the background, for the guilty parties would be ashamed to admit that they are dividing over such a trivial thing. The gospel is the gospel of peace and all Christians are to be peacemakers instead of peacebreakers. These things ought not to be.

MISSION PAGE

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In the Sunday meeting our son George spoke of how the building is made up of various materials—stones, wood, tiles, etc.—all brought together to make up this fine structure, and of how we make up the building of God and each have our place, etc. After my message, we had the formal opening of the building, George and I leading the way, while the men followed, singing. The front door was opened, then a side door through which Sister Cook and the women entered. I am sure that if the Willing Workers who gave the building could have had one glimpse of the joy that was manifested as the saints entered the building and stood praising the Lord, they surely would have praised the Lord too, because they had a share in causing this joy. Onlookers felt an awe as they witnessed the demonstration of these worshippers. They danced, they shouted, they cried, and it sounded like a mighty waterfall. We thought of what heaven will be like.

All were standing and they crowded so that I had to stand on a bench. The doors and windows were filled with people. We told them of how the

Cases had got the Willing Workers of Greenville, South Carolina, church interested and therefore we have this beautiful building. I told them that this should be a lighthouse and from here they should work out in the district around. We believe that the donors of this building will pray that the Lord's work will grow in this place.—Robert F. Cook.

WHAT PRICE SALVATION

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had He not spilled His blood at Calvary. It is true that we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ but only because that same Jesus did complete His mission by giving His BLOOD as the ransom price for our sins. One will say, "Oh, but He forgave sins before He went to the cross." That is true, but only because He was the Son of God and knew perfectly well what He had left heaven's portals for, and the very blood that flowed in His veins was set for the sacrifice for sins. In Luke 16:16 we read, "The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." How was the kingdom preached? In the name of Jesus. You must remember that when Christ came He was as a lamb slain, yea even from the foundations of the world. The real aspect of faith in Christ is found in Romans 3:24, 25. This scripture points out that God set Him forth to be the propitiation through faith IN HIS BLOOD. Note that carefully. The fact that He did shed His blood justifies our faith in Him for the forgiveness of sins.

For further proof that His blood is the price paid for our redemption, look at Col. 1:14-20. These verses begin and end referring to His blood. Paul here infers that the shed blood is the basic reason for Christ's pre-eminent place in heaven and in earth. The 14th verse is worded very similarly to the one in Eph. 1:7 that we referred to in the first of this article, except for the word "even" that is found here—even the forgiveness of sins. Now, when is one's sins forgiven, when we are sanctified or when we are born again? We all agree that it is certainly in the latter experience, for that is surely what constitutes the new birth—the wonderful fact that our sins are forgiven and all things become new. In 1 Peter 1:18, 19 we read, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with cor-

ruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation (manner of life, R. V.) received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious **BLOOD OF CHRIST** as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." Here, in no uncertain terms, the Apostle asserts that we are not redeemed by any other means except the blood of Christ, and he calls it **PRECIOUS** blood. Precious it is, too, dear friends; so precious that it certainly is a shame to try to place limits as to its efficacy and narrow its work to one experience and one alone. Oh, may God help us to see that the blood is all and without it we have nothing, nothing whatever from God the Father. Not a promise in the Bible will hold good without the blood, for the promise itself was made in the testament that is sealed with His blood. There is no Church of God outside His blood, for He purchased the church with His blood. Acts 20:28. There is no justification without the blood, Romans 3:1-9. The first verse shows the channel through which the blessing comes, but the 9th verse tells the source—the **BLOOD**. In other words, we are justified through faith in the blood.

What, then, is the reason that we have the great blessings of God to enjoy today? It is all because Christ was obedient to the death of the cross. There He paid the awful price that sin demanded for the redemption of men's souls. Let us preach no other means of salvation save through the shed blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Then we can say as beloved John, in Rev. 1:5,6, "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins (not Adam's) in his own blood . . . to him be glory and dominion forever. Amen."

MORTGAGING THE KINGDOM FOR WORLDLY GAIN

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Jacob is the embodiment of all the wrestlers who, through the midnight of this dark age, reach the dawn, and, supremely of racers who started badly. Through the midnight at Peniel he wrestles until dawn, "with tears." "He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spoke with us," Hosea 12:3, 4.

A soul suddenly and forever awakes. **THE LITERAL IN A TYPE IS THE SPIRITUAL IN THE ANTITYPE:** The clenched fist, the taut muscles, the ceaseless vigilance, the unyielding grip; it is not only strength, but concentration; not only concentration, but intensity; not only intensity, but endurance. **SALVATION IS RECEIVED BY RESTING, NOT WRESTLING. THE PRIZE IS WON BY WRESTLING, NOT RESTING.** Brother, co-heirship with Christ is the birthright which, while it is open to all, depends on the midnight wrestle, "heirs indeed of God, but joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him," Rom. 8:17. Thus, my friend, the millennial birthright potentially belongs to all believers, but actually to those who fulfill the conditions. It is holy tenacity of purpose, dogged refusal to be beaten, quick recovery when knocked out, God's tremendous earnestness as tremendous persistency. Dogged tenacity is the striking force of Jacob's character. He served fourteen years for the woman he loved. In contrast stands Esau, led by impulse, betrayed by appetite; throws everything overboard to satisfy his passion for earthly desires which destroy the soul.

THE VIOLENT TAKE THE KINGDOM BY FORCE

We are next shown what is sure to follow the great awakening of the soul who gives up to complete consecration. "And when the angel saw that he (the angel) prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh"—carried forever the withering touch. **GOD ASKS OF HIS VICTORS NOT MEDALS OR RIBANDS, MY BROTHER, BUT SCARS.** "I bear in my body," says Paul, "the marks (stigmata, the weals of the flogging) of the Lord Jesus." Just as true, my brother, as Esau's sin pampers the body, so Jacob's devotion withers it. As rocks are carved and grooved with the convulsion of long ago, so the saints of God carry the wounds of a lifetime of holiness. "It is better," says the Master, "to enter into life halted (like Jacob) rather than having two feet to be cast into Gehenna." Both Esau and Jacob had seen the vision; the one clutching at earthly pride and power, sells his glory; the other, wrestling through the midnight, reaches the golden dawn of that eternal day. So it is with you and me, we must wrestle with every impulse that's earthly and fleshly pride. I am sick

and tired of unhallowed and godless exaltation that men bestow upon one another. Some may say, "The Bible says, 'Give honor to whom honor is due.'" Yes, I knew you would say that, you men-pleasing preachers. Jesus Christ is the only One that is due honor and praise. Of course, if you are preaching for men, and some man has called you to preach for him, and has ordained you to preach for him, and what he wants, then it's right that you should praise and adore, and place him as a semigod to the people. God help your poor, dried-up soul, you need a vision of Christ on the cross, dying for sinners.

ENTHRONED WITH CHRIST

The last thought . . .

So now the Jehovah Angel sets His seal on the victorious wrestler. "And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob (a supplanter, a layer of snares; for the old Jacob, the unsanctified, had died in the midnight wrestle) but Israel," a prince with God, a joint royalty, a God-crowned, and so is man enthroned, when Christ is enthroned. This peerage of the loftiest creation, the angel attributes not as a gift of God through grace, but is directly the results of the midnight wrestle. "Thy name shall be called Israel, for thou hast **STRIVEN** and hath **PREVAILED**." Brother, our reward depends on our last struggle in the midnight hour of this world's spiritual conflict with the devil.

The last runner first breasts the tape, and it is expressly in relation to the kingdom that our Lord states the principle, "They shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, **THERE ARE LAST WHICH SHALL BE FIRST**," Luke 13: 29, 30. So throughout Scripture, and supremely to the Church, a new name is required when there has been a profound change in disposition. God throws Jacob, but He knights Israel. "To him that overcometh," the victorious wrestler, "I," the Jehovah Angel (**CHRIST**) who renamed Jacob—"a new name written."

Brother, there is time to win a victory yet, before the sun goes down. The very last can be the very first.

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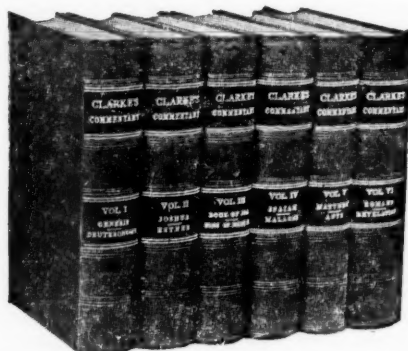
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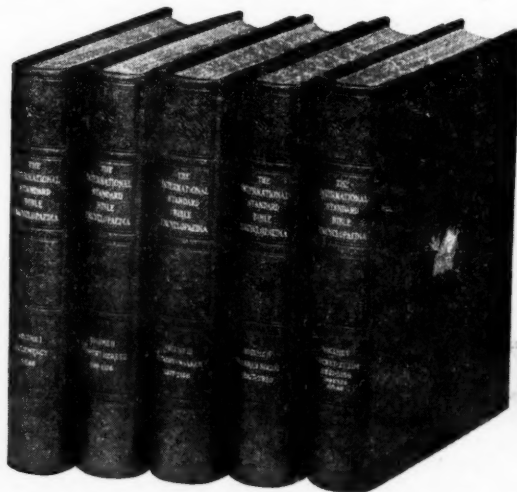
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